

### Personal Background

For Brad Miller, North Carolina values are the values he learned from his church, from North Carolina public schools, and at his mother's knee.

Brad's father grew up on a farm outside of Spring Lake, North Carolina, one of eleven children. His mother grew up at the Baptist Orphanage in Thomasville, North Carolina. Brad's father and mother were both children of the Depression, both were valedictorians of their high school classes, and both began college but could not afford to complete their degrees.

Brad's parents met and married in Fayetteville, North Carolina, where Brad was born in 1953. Brad's father was a neighborhood branch manager of the post office, and his mother was a bookkeeper. His father died in 1965, when Brad was 12.

With support from his mother and student loans, Brad was able to earn the education that his parents could not afford for themselves. After completing public school in Fayetteville, Brad earned a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a master's degree from the London School of Economics, and a law degree from Columbia University. He served as law clerk to Judge J. Dickson Phillips, Jr. of the United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals for one year following his graduation from law school, and practiced law in Raleigh for more than twenty years before his election to Congress.

### A Call to Public Service

Brad's parents instilled an early interest in public service. At age 11, Brad passed out literature at a polling place for a family friend from church who was running for local office. That night Brad's father took him to the Cumberland County Courthouse to watch election returns tallied.

Brad was elected the Chair of the Wake Democratic Party in 1985, when he was 31.

In 1992, Brad was elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives, where he served two years. He was elected to the North Carolina Senate in 1996, where he served six years. As a member of the state legislature, Brad wrote North Carolina's safe gun storage law, which dramatically curbed juvenile gun deaths. He also introduced legislation to expand North Carolina's domestic violence law; to reduce air pollution from cars and trucks; to limit the influence of political patronage in state government hiring; and to protect consumers from dishonest automobile mechanics.

The Raleigh News and Observer called Brad "a workhorse for public education and a conscientious voice for integrity in government" as a North Carolina legislator.

### **Brad Miller's Work in Congress**

Brad Miller is serving his fifth term from North Carolina's thirteenth Congressional District.

Elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in November of 2002, Rep. Miller currently serves on three subcommittees on the House Financial Services Committee - Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises (GSE); Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit Subcommittee; and Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.

Miller also serves as Ranking Member of the Energy and Environment Subcommittee and is a member of the Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee on the House Committee on Science, Space & Technology.

Miller spearheaded the effort in the House to pass a national Anti-Predatory Lending law and a Consumer Financial Protection Bureau bill that were included in the Wall Street Reform Act signed by the President. He has also written a Bankruptcy bill to try to help save family homes.

In his role as Ranking Member on the Energy and Environment Subcommittee, Miller will continue his push for innovation and research into alternative energy sources and energy

efficient technologies that will define the world's economy for the next generation and beyond.